

SB180 ENGROSSED



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2 SLVVU85-2
3 By Senator Barfoot
4 RFD: Judiciary
5 First Read: 20-Jan-26



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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

9 Relating to the Board of Pardons and Paroles; to amend
10 Section 15-22-20, Code of Alabama 1975; to change the date on
11 which a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles'
12 appointment commences from July 1 to March 1.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. Section 15-22-20, Code of Alabama 1975, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§15-22-20

17 (a) There shall be a Board of Pardons and Paroles which
18 shall consist that consists of three members. The membership
19 of the board shall be inclusive and reflect the racial,
20 gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban, rural, or ~~and~~ economic
21 diversity of the state. At least one member shall be a current
22 or former law enforcement officer with a minimum of 10 years'
23 experience in or with a law enforcement agency ~~which~~ that has
24 among its primary duties and responsibilities the
25 investigation of violent crimes or the apprehension, arrest,
26 or supervision of the perpetrators ~~thereof~~.

27 (b) Any vacancy occurring on the board, whether for an
28 expired or unexpired term, shall be filled by appointment by



29 the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from
30 a list of five qualified ~~persons nominated~~ individuals
31 submitted by a ~~board~~ nominating committee consisting of the
32 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
34 The nominating ~~board~~ shall committee, as soon as practicable
35 after a vacancy occurs, whether for an expired or unexpired
36 term, shall meet and select by majority vote the names of five
37 ~~persons~~ individuals to be submitted to the Governor. The ~~board~~
38 nominating committee shall immediately submit its nominations
39 to the Governor, who shall make his or her appointment from
40 the list within 10 days. Appointees shall begin serving
41 immediately upon appointment, until confirmed or rejected by
42 the Senate. Appointments made at times when the Senate is not
43 in regular session shall be effective ad interim. Any
44 appointment made by the Governor while the Senate is in
45 regular session must be submitted to the Senate not later than
46 the third legislative day following the date of the
47 appointment; ~~any~~. Any appointment made while the Senate is not
48 in regular session shall be submitted not later than the third
49 legislative day following the reconvening of the Legislature
50 in regular session. If the Senate fails to vote on an
51 appointee's confirmation before adjourning sine die during the
52 regular session in which the appointee is appointed, the
53 appointee is deemed to be confirmed.

54 (c) (1) Members Beginning on October 1, 2026, new
55 members of the board shall be appointed for terms of six years
56 commencing on ~~July 1~~ March 1 in the years 1953, 1955, and



57 1957, and The terms of the members serving on the board on
58 October 1, 2026, shall end on the last day of February
59 following the sixth year of their term.

60 (2) Members of the board shall serve until their
61 successors are appointed and qualified.

62 (3) Any person appointed to fill the vacancy for an
63 unexpired term shall vacate the office upon the expiration of
64 that unexpired term.

65 (d) The Governor shall designate one of the members as
66 chair, and the chair shall preside at sessions of the board.

67 (e) Each member shall take the constitutional oath of
68 office and shall be subject to impeachment for any of the
69 causes specified in Section 173 of the Constitution; ~~and the~~
70 of Alabama of 2022. The procedure in cases of impeachment
71 shall be in the manner provided by Section 175 of the
72 Constitution; ~~provided, however, that in the event~~ of Alabama
73 of 2022. If the Governor shall determine ~~determines~~ that any
74 member of the board is incapacitated by reason of physical or
75 mental disability or illness to the extent that the member
76 cannot efficiently perform the duties of his or her office, he
77 or she shall direct the Attorney General to proceed to the
78 determination of that issue in an inquisition proceeding
79 instituted by him or her in the Circuit Court of Montgomery
80 County, Alabama. In the event the issue is determined in the
81 court against the board member, the court shall declare the
82 office vacant, ~~and the same~~ office shall be vacated, and a
83 successor appointed, as provided in this section.

84 (f) Two members of the board ~~shall constitute~~



85 constitute a quorum for the transaction of the official
86 business of the board.

87 (g) The members of the board shall hold no other office
88 of profit during their incumbency.

89 (h) The annual compensation of the chair and each
90 associate member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall be
91 an amount as is provided by law. The salaries shall be paid in
92 equal installments from the State Treasury in the same manner
93 that salaries of other state officers are paid."

94 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
95 1, 2026.



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99 Read for the first time and referred 20-Jan-26
100 to the Senate committee on Judiciary
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102 Read for the second time and placed 29-Jan-26
103 on the calendar:
104 1 amendment
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106 Read for the third time and passed 05-Feb-26
107 as amended
108 Yeas 34
109 Nays 0
110 Abstains 0
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113 Patrick Harris,
114 Secretary.
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